MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know when Mr. Thanu Pillai was arrested?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: On the 2nd November 1939.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know why Mr. Thanu Pillai has not been tried in a court of law?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: He has been arrested and detained under the Defence of Travancore Rules, passed under the Defence of Travancore Proclamation.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: My question is why he was not tried in a court of law.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The Government thought it necessary to take action under the Defence of Travancore Rules.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know whether it is a fact that the Nagercoil civil jail is overcrowded?

MR. M. K. NILALAKANTA AIYAR: No, Sir.

Vacancy in the Senate of the Travancore University.

27 * MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any seat in the Senate of the Travancore University has become vacant?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Travancore*): Yes, one.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: എല്ലാ പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട സമുദായങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും യൂണിവേർസിറ്റിയിലെ സെനറ്റിൽ മെമ്പറന്മാരായി നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: The composition of the Senate has not been examined on that basis.

PRESIDENT: I think the honourable member wants to know whether the possibility of nominating unrepresented communities will be considered.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: That is a suggestion for future action.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: യോഗ്യതയനുസരിച്ച് പിന്നോക്കസമുദായങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും ഒരാളെ യൂണിവേർസിറ്റിയിലെ സെനറ്റിൽ മെമ്പറായി നിയമിക്കണമെന്ന് ഗവണ്മെന്റിലേക്ക് ശുപാർശ ചെയ്യാൻ ഒരുങ്ങുകയോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: It is not a question Sir, it is a suggestion for future action which will of course receive due consideration.

Thatchu Sastra in the University.

28 * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the University have received any representation regarding *Thatchu Sastra* being taught in the University; and

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(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken in the matter?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question is under consideration.

Chengamanad Malayalam Primary School.

29 * **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken to remove the hardships caused to pupils in the Chengamanad Malayalam Primary School in Parur taluk due to want of sufficient accommodation?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): A revised estimate for a shed for providing additional accommodation has been called for.

Reconstructing the St. Philomena's English Middle School and the Malayalam Primary School at Koonammavoo.

30 * **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether any Government grant has been made for the purpose of reconstructing the St. Philomena's English Middle School and the Malayalam Primary School at Koonammavoo in Parur taluk?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: No.

Checking of certain amounts provided for in the Budget.

31. * **MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state what means they have at present to ascertain how the amounts provided for in the annual budget are spent in respect of:

(*a*) the purchase of books and periodicals; and

(*b*) the purchase and repairs of furniture?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) & (*b*) The expenditure on these two items is separately booked in accounts and the progress in expenditure from time to time is watched against the budget allotments.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the Government have issued directions from time to time in the matter of checking certain amounts provided for in the budget and verified how they have been spent?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The Government have not issued any definite instructions on that point, but there are general instructions to regulate such expenditure.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI; Am I to understand that audit takes place from time to time in the matter of checking the amounts provided for in the budget?

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